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Wage tax to be hiked 2% after Togiola signs legislation into law

Governor Togiola Tulafono has signed into law legislation that raises the wage tax by 2%

It is not known whether the hike will bring in enough money to return government employees back to receiving a full 80-hour bi-weekly paycheck after their hours were cut as a cost-saving measure.

The administration had asked for a 4% hike but the Fono approved a 2% increase instead.

The Governor told the US House Natural Resources Committee earlier this month that ASG is expecting a shortfall of \$10 million in local revenues for FY 2011.

The bill is retroactive to the effective date of January 1, 2011 and valid until the same day next year. It is unclear how the Treasury Department will be collecting the new tax for the past two months.

The 2% hike is IN ADDITION to wage taxes

already in place.

The bill states that “all wages earned in the territory shall be taxed at a rate of 2%” and “this tax shall be paid by the wage earner and reported on the wage earner’s tax return.”

Two options on how to collect taxes for the last two months are: 1) when people file their taxes next year; or 2) require the employers to start collecting it now.

In his March 18 letter to the Fono thanking lawmakers for their assistance in passing the legislation, Togiola said the bill “will provide a significant and much needed boost to local revenue collections,” and “it will provide an added measure of relief to our Treasury Department and many other areas of our government.”

Togiola added, “As fixed long-term solutions continue to be sought to stabilize and increase government revenues and decrease government

expenses, we all understand that this measure is temporary and will expire at the end of this year.”

The Governor said he and his administration are committed to getting the government spending and revenues back on course before this bill expires. He concluded, “Navigating these difficult times requires our continued effort and collaboration to find ways to stimulate economic interest, economic growth and jobs in the territory.”

Three other administration bills aimed at helping the government’s financial woes are still pending in Fono committees and decisions are yet to be made, although the current legislative session ends at the end of the month. The other bills would raise business license fees; increase the excise tax on beer, alcohol, and tobacco; and impose a \$2,000 fee for corporations.

ASG RADIO PROGRAM

With: Gov. Togiola Tulafono

On: KSBS FM 92.1 Saturdays @ 7:30 a.m.

Governor wants air travel market study for American Samoa

- *believes data collected would convince other carriers to operate locally* -

Governor Togiola Tulafono and his administration have been trying - without success - for many years to get other airlines to operate flights in and out of the territory. Now the government is seeking a \$500K grant to conduct an air travel market study that Togiola hopes would collect enough data that would support the need for more carriers.

The grant will pay for a marketing report by professional economists on the market for US air services in American Samoa. The Governor, in his written statement submitted to the US House subcommittee on Insular Affairs, referred to the annual Interagency Group on Insular Affairs (IGIA)

reports that have noted the need for improved air services in the insular territories. "Without regular and reasonably priced service for both passengers and cargo, business growth is impossible," Togiola said. "Frequent, reliable air service is also vital for public welfare and safety," he added, pointing to the fact that locals who need emergency medical care off island have to wait for one of two weekly flights just to get to Hawaii.

He said that the response from US carriers claiming that the market demand does not support their entry and service in the territory is puzzling, adding that American Samoa's growing population increases demand for air travel to other parts of the US but due to limited number of flights,

the annual number of passengers departing and arriving at the local airport has remained static, notwithstanding significant population growth.

According to Togiola, the surveys and evaluations by market specialists will document the precise level of demand in the territory for passenger and cargo service between US points and Pago Pago. This will also include the additional demand for such services in Pago Pago coming from nearby island nations.

"The marketing report will enable ASG to persuade US air carriers that the market demand does exist, to justify their providing air service in the territory for both passenger and cargo transport."

PUBLIC NOTICE

To all alcoholic beverage licensees

Be advised that the Department of Public Safety, in collaboration with the Ta'ita'itama Prevent Underage Drinking Initiative and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board ***will be conducting compliance check activities in your area beginning December 2010 and continuing through December 2011.***

Please remember that selling alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years old is illegal per American Samoa Code, Title 27, Chapter 05; Section 27.0531:

"No licensee may sell any alcoholic beverage to any person under 21."

American Samoa is committed to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of its people. Our priority issue is to combat and prevent underage drinking and the problems that arise from this illegal activity.

**For additional information, feel free to contact the
Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws - EUDL Program at 633-1582.**

American Samoa EPA receives \$1.8million for Fy2011

In spite of the continued resolution by U.S. Congress for funding the Federal Government temporarily, the American Samoa EPA recently received \$1.8m (\$1,898,382.00), funding for its Fy2011 approved budget. The new funding agreement was sent from USEPA Region IX Pacific Program Managers, Carl Goldstein and Michael Wolfram, to AS-EPA Director Fanuatele Dr. Toafa Vaiagae for acceptance and authorization on March 2, 2011. Additional monies are forthcoming throughout the year.

Dr. Vaiagae extends his sincere appreciation to Governor Tulafono for his commitment and foresight in securing these federal monies to provide the people of American Samoa, sound and safe environment. "The acquisition of federal funds to continue the

operation of special programs such as the enforcement of Environmental policies in American Samoa, is certainly a clear indication of how Governor Togiola takes the safety and health of our people very seriously" said Director Vaiagae. The Director also expresses great appreciations to USEPA Region IX for standing by our side not only in providing 100% federal revenue assistance for yearly operation of the local EPA, but also lending us technical assistance on many environmental issues impacting the territory.

The Director pointed out that these EPA funds are not automatically issued but based not only on quality reports and proposals submitted, but also the effectiveness of overall USEPA/ASEPA approved programs being executed throughout

the year. "Indeed, the success and high value of the Environmental programs being implemented at the local level, are certainly the outcomes of a genuine relationship between USEPA and the local EPA and Government. The money will be distributed to the new AS-EPA Green Building, and regular operational costs.

On a related issue, Dr. Vaiagae also points out that AS-EPA received notification from USEPA Region IX for approval of their Fy2011 Beach Monitoring Proposal in the amount of \$306,000.00. to be released next month. "This is great news for AS-EPA as its general operations will continue to prosper in meeting the environmental challenges of the territory", said the Director.

American Samoa Territorial Energy Office

State Energy Efficient Applicant Rebate Vouchers

All residents are eligible / Interested applicants must fill out and sign an AS SEEARP application at the TEO headquarters.

***Limitation of vouchers per household:**

- One (1) \$350.00 voucher used towards the purchase of a new Energy Star refrigerator
- One (1) \$300.00 voucher used towards the purchase of a new Energy Star freezer
- One (1) \$350.00 voucher used towards the purchase of a new Energy Star clothes washer
- One (1) \$500.00 voucher used towards the purchase of a new Energy Star central AC unit
- One (1) \$175.00 voucher used towards the purchase of a new Energy Star window AC unit (limited 3 per household)

***Rebate vouchers are only to be accepted at the following approved retailers:**

- Transpac Inc.
- CBT True Value
- Pacific Refrigeration

-All Energy Star rebate vouchers will expire after ten (10) days from its issuing date:

***Documents needed: identification and electric bill.**

For more information, please contact our office at 699-1101

‘THINK SMART, ENERGY SMART’

HISTORICAL NOTES

By: Stan Sorensen, Historian, Office of the Governor

On March 23, 1889, Malietoa Tanumafili I was installed as "King of Samoa" by the "Three Consuls."

On March 24, 1931, Commander James Sutherland Spore relieved Captain Gatewood Sanders Lincoln and took office as American Samoa's 19th naval governor (acting) until April 22, 1931.

On March 24, 1937, Pan American World Airways' *Samoan Clipper*, a Sikorsky S-42B flying boat piloted by Captain Ed Musick, landed in Pago Pago Harbor on the first leg of her maiden flight from Honolulu, Hawaii to Auckland, New Zealand.

On March 24, 1994, the U.S. National Weather Service recorded the highest ever temperature in American Samoa: a sizzling 94 degrees Fahrenheit at the Pago Pago International Airport.

On March 25, 1883, a hurricane destroyed eight ships and killed several people in Apia.

On March 25, 1891, Robert Louis Stevenson paid a rare visit to Pago Pago.

On March 26, 1901, Secretary of the Navy John D. Long directed Commander Benjamin Franklin Tilley, Commandant of the U.S. Naval Station Tutuila, to revoke William Blacklock's liquor license, despite Tilley's assurances that the Samoans were "safeguarded by law" from drinking there.

On March 27, 1942, the 7th Defense Battalion, U.S. Marine Corps, arrived in Apia Harbor aboard USS *President Garfield*. The ship used its own launches and barges to unload, and assistance was rendered by the Apia Stevedoring Company. Lightweight anti-aircraft guns were quickly installed along the harbor's seawall. "Vehicles, bulldozers and tractors were landed from Naval beach barges at Vaiala. The weather was rainy and the Marines did their own unloading from the barges which were brought alongside Customs Dock and at Vaiala. Temporary camps were established at Ifi Ifi and Moataa....In spite of the wet weather the unloading was carried on with little confusion."

On March 27, 1948, Mata'afa Faumuina Fiaame Mulinu'u I died in Western Samoa. The Council of State was thus reduced to three members: the High Commissioner (as President), Malietoa Tanumafili II and Tupua Tamasese Peter Mea'ole. The Council remained so constituted until Western Samoa's independence in 1962.

On March 27, 1961, President John Fitzgerald Kennedy appointed Hyrum Rex Lee, an experienced civil servant in the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs, as American Samoa's seventh appointed civil governor (until July 31, 1967).

On March 28, 1977, "the Legislature of American Samoa....in Special Session enacted enabling legislation to provide procedures for an elective local Governor and Lieutenant Governor."

On March 29, 1942, the 3rd Battalion of the 7th Marines and Battery C of the 1st Battalion of the 11th Marines departed New River, North Carolina en route to Tutuila for further assignment to the Wallis Islands, which were part of the Samoan Defense Group.

On March 30, 1943, the Battalion Medical Officer of the First Samoan Battalion, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, informed the Battalion Surgeon of the 7th Defense Battalion that "Instruction was given continually to hospital corpsmen on preliminary treatment of gunshot wounds of the head, chest and abdomen. This instruction was the result of several successful suicide attempts. Some of the Samoan Marines had felt disgraced in the face of coming mast punishments [non-court-martial punishments by the company commander] and had taken their own lives."

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN AND SOCIAL SERVICES AMERICAN SAMOA WIC PROGRAM

OPEN INVITATION

4TH Health Heroes Nutrition Fair for the American Samoa WIC Program

Theme: "National Nutrition Month"

You are cordially invited to join us for the 4th Health Heroes Nutrition Fair for the American Samoa WIC Program. The fair will feature a puppet show for the children and lots of nutritious food, games, activities and prizes for the entire family. Be sure not to miss out on food samples, food demonstrations, children nutrition activities and games, lots of prizes and a grand prize drawing of a hand-made baby quilt!

There will be a special surprise visitor to entertain the children! And there will be Zumba exercise for the entire family.

The fair is sponsored by the Women's Community Action Program, under the direction of Mrs. Ali Pili, and the following local organizations/community service providers/vendors:

- ASCC (CNR) Land Grant
- McDonald's Restaurants
- Origin Gas
- Pizza Hut
- Sea Grant
- Culinary Arts School of American Samoa
- LBJ Dietary Services
- Niuborn Baby Store
- Pediatrics Unit of LBJ Hospital
- Pritchard's Bakery
- Swap Meet Liquidation Store (SMLS)

DATE: Saturday, March 26, 2011
TIME: 8am - 11am
PLACE: Utulei Beach, next to the Yacht Club

*This announcement is signed by DHSS Director
Leilua Stevenson

American Samoa Government
Department of Education
SPECIAL EDUCATION DIVISION

**REQUEST FOR PUBLIC CONTENT ON
SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING APPLICATION**

The Department of Education of Special Education has for public review its application for funding under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act for the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) with the US Department of Education.

These funds are used to provide special education services to all school age children in the territory of American Samoa who have a disability that adversely affect their classroom achievement. As a condition for granting the funds, each state or territory making applications must submit the application to the public for review and comments. The public must be afforded reasonable opportunities for comment for 30 days prior to the submission of the application on May 10, 2011. The Department of Education must review and give due consideration to all comments and suggestions prior to submission of the application for funding.

Copies of the application are available at the Special Education Office located at the west end of Matafao Elementary School in Fagaalu. All persons interested in the application are encouraged to visit and pick up a copy between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm. The Part B application for funding is also posted on the ASDOE website: www.doe.as

Written comments will be taken during those hours. Comments and suggestions may also be made via e-mail to faautilu@yahoo.com or may be sent surface mail to Fa'au Vaitautolu, Deputy Director, PO Box 7078, Pago Pago, AS 96799.

3Ps Immunization Outreach
PROMOTE - PREVENT - PROTECT

February 1 - May 31, 2011
Bring in your child to be immunized

Leone Health Center Schedule:

- Tuesdays 4pm - 6pm (in clinic)
- Thursdays 4pm - 6pm (in clinic)
- Saturdays 8am - 2pm (villages) call 688-7822

Fagaalu Health Center Schedule:

- Thursdays 4pm - 6pm
- Fridays 4pm - 6pm
- Saturday (TBA) call 633-4388/4389

Amouli Health Center Schedule:

- Tuesdays 4pm - 6pm (in clinic)
- Thursdays 4pm - 6pm (in clinic)
- Saturdays 8am - 2pm (villages) call 622-7456

Tafuna Family Health Center Schedule:

- Mondays 4pm - 6pm
- Wednesdays 4pm - 6pm
- Saturdays 8am - 2pm call 699-6380

WALK-INS ARE WELCOME
699-8464 or 699-8465
American Samoa Immunization Program

Government Environmental Departments developed outreach and workshop with Nu'uuli Church Youth Groups on Watersheds



The Land-based Sources of Pollution (LBSP) working group, under the leadership of Fanuatele Dr. To'afa Vaiga'e, Director of the American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (AS-EPA) coordinated and facilitated a Participatory, Learning and Action (PLA) watershed outreach program to Nu'uuli church groups in September 2010. The LBSP group is part of the Coral Reef Advisory Group (CRAG) who exclusively deals with land based sources of pollution issues in the Territory. It is one of the four Local Action Strategy working groups for the Territory's coral reef management program composed, through collaboration, of the following resource agencies: ASCC Land Grant, American Samoa Department of Commerce (AS-DOC), Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources (DMWR), American Samoa Environment Protection Agency (AS-EPA) and the NOAA-Fisheries Pacific Island Regional Office (PIRO).

What is Watershed?

A watershed is the area of land that drains to a common waterway, such as a stream, lake, estuary, wetland, aquifer, or the ocean. All land use activities within watersheds impact the water quality of downstream bodies of water. The Nu'uuli watershed winds from the peak of Matafao over to Le'ele Mountain onto Taumata Mountain then to the Tuasivi-

tasi ridge. The water that falls in these highlands drains down through the Tafuna Plain, Malaeimi valley, Coconut point and eventually into the Pacific Ocean through Airport Beach and Pala Lagoon. Any waste or debris gets carried by waterways or streams, eventually ends up in the ocean affecting the coastal areas and marine resources.

Watershed Problems in the Territory

Problems including illegal dumping of Solid Waste, Filling of wetlands, Illegal piggeries, septic tanks from residents, Laundromat, and high levels of bacteria and nutrients entering our streams and village reefs concerned the LBSP working group. As our community continues to illegally dump and trash our environment, American Samoa's underground drinking water continues to contaminate.

Management Goals and Priorities.

Improving coastal watershed quality and implementing watershed management plans to improve water quality and enhance coral reef ecosystem resilience have been identified as one of the national Coral Reef Conservation priority goal and objective. This also correlates to the American Samoa Coral Reef Conservation goal and objectives for LBSP impacts. After identifications of Priority Watersheds by the LBSP working

group, it was agreed upon that Nu'uuli Pala Watershed is a top priority watershed for the group to focus its efforts on based on various criteria's.

Community Watershed Process for Nu'uuli

The PLA approach, organized and agreed by LBSP working group, was used to guide and direct the group's effort with the church groups. A letter was sent to the Office of Samoan Affairs prior to the PLA approach and workshop to inform about the project, its purpose and process. The following is the approach used for the Nu'uuli church groups:

PLA Outreach/Education Approach:

1. Contact Church Leaders
2. Meet with each church key Point of Contact (POC)
3. Organize target dates with church POC
4. Facilitate PLA Education/Outreach Program (evaluation included) Analyze PLA information/results
5. Present combined results back to church groups
6. Collect recommendations and results from participants to coordinate management activities with church groups
7. Results to use by resource managers for management decisions and to develop projects in collaboration with church groups.

Target Audience

The main target groups for this project were church youth groups from the Catholic, Mormon (LDS), Assembly of God and the Methodist churches. The project was designed and aimed to mainly assist the community in assessing potential strategies to better manage and conserve the village watershed and the resources.

Objectives

In addition, the following objectives were

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ASG set on owning a cold freeze facility

The American Samoa Government plans to own a cold storage unit at the main dock area. Local cannery Star Kist Samoa is one of the prospective clients for a facility that will be open to other local fishing fleet.

ASG is hopeful that federal funding will assist in making the project a reality.

Earlier this year, the government was looking at the Port Administration area in town as a site for the freezer storage unit, after Star Kist was evicted from its previous storage warehouse in Satala - where the American Samoa Power Authority plans to erect a new power plant.

Governor Togiola Tulafono revealed the government's plans during his testimony before the US House Natural Resources subcommittee on insular areas during a hearing on DOI's FY 2012 budget for the Office of Insular

Affairs and US Fish and Wildlife Service. The panel was told that Star Kist had demolished its cold storage facility which was located on ASPA land. That, coupled with the need for the local fishing fleet to have cold storage access due to an emerging new market, provides the territory with a unique opportunity.

In his written testimony, Togiola said, "American Samoa proposes to assist its main private sector employer, responsible for nearly 80% of the territory's private sector economic activity, and at the same time, assist the local fishing fleet, by purchasing the 2,400-ton cold storage freezer and relocating it across the bay at the Port Administration site immediately adjacent to the Port warehouse, and making it available to the local fishing fleet and the two canneries alike in order to store landed fish." (The second cannery refers

to Samoa Tuna Processors Inc. who have taken over the old COS Samoa Packing facility).

The Governor explained that because the cold storage area will be owned by ASG, Star Kist will be charged rent for their use of space - something he says will benefit the community through increased revenues for the government.

He said acquiring the cold storage unit supports the territory's expansion of export markets by providing the capacity for the local fishing fleet, including American Samoa's alia fleet, to store fish, while at the same time maximizing the opportunities to continue fishing.

Togiola's request for funding for this project is made under the technical assistance grant program, administered by the DOI Office of Insular Affairs.

March is Developmental Disability Awareness Month in the Territory

Acting Governor Faoa Sunia has proclaimed the month of March as Developmental Disability Awareness Month in American Samoa, and he is calling upon all local residents to participate with appropriate programs and activities. In addition, Faoa is encouraging everyone to seek counsel and input for any person or group with knowledge and expertise in matters concerning disabilities.

Proclamation 5613 was signed in 1987 designating March as the "National Development Disability Awareness Month" by former US President Ronald Reagan. "American Samoa continues to celebrate and recognize people with developmental disabilities by the

Governor of American Samoa," the proclamation states.

"Developmental disability is a natural part of the human experience and in no way diminishes the right of individuals to live independently, enjoy self-determination, make choices, contribute to society, and participate fully in the economic, political, social, cultural, and educational mainstream of our society."

The proclamation states that "family members, friends, and members of the community can play a central role in enhancing the lives of people with disabilities, especially when the family and community are provided with necessary support services; and public and private

employers are aware of the capabilities of people with disabilities to be engaged in competitive work in inclusive settings."

"The goals of this territory properly include providing individuals with developmental disabilities the opportunities and support to make informed choices and decisions; live in homes and communities where such individuals can exercise their full rights and responsibilities as citizens; pursue meaningful and productive lives; contribute to their family, community, and territory; have interdependent friendships and relationships with others; and achieve full inclusion in society."

Watersheds... *(continued from page 6)*

the basic principles and focus for the LBSP-LAS working group while implementing and coordinating the PLA outreach for Nu'uuli:

1. To increase collaboration and partnership with villagers;
2. For government resource agencies to better understand the watershed issues and resource use in Nu'uuli for better management and coordination of projects with communities;
3. To build community stewardship of their environment and resources;
4. To enhance and promote community awareness of their village watershed and resources;
5. To use information about the village watershed and resources to make management decisions and develop management tools.

There were about 163 participants, ages ranged from 5 to 65, from the Nu'uuli watershed PLA outreach program. The project team has analyzed the information collected from the

church groups with the goal to present the results back to the community and identify management actions that each church group will coordinate and implement with the LBSP working group.

It is the hope of the LBSP-LAS working group that each church group, given the information gathered from the PLA, will develop and collaborate on a management project to address some of the problems identified. In addition, the information gathered from the resource mapping tool helped the LBSP working group to develop a watershed resource map for the village that highlights the important resources that are found, threats to the resources and the recommended management tools to assist in improving resource management within the village watershed. One encouraging aspect of this project was the interagency collaboration in planning, coordinating and facilitating the activities for this project.

Furthermore, all church evaluations categorized presentations offered as important information in promoting and

enhancing their awareness. The LBSP working group will continue to utilize these presentations for ongoing outreach and education programs to other villages and schools. As the working group move forward in targeting other watershed villages, a network of watershed communities will be established to connect communities and enhance their participation to improve watershed management in American Samoa.

On behalf of Coral Reef Advisory Group, the Director of AS-EPA, Fanuatele Dr. To'afa Vaiaga'e and the LBSP working group would like to thank all the Pastors, Church Leaders and Youth Presidents from the village of Nu'uuli who requested this Watershed Outreach for their community. We look forward to networking and collaborating with you in the near future in protecting our watersheds and environment.

Thank you all for your commitment to safeguarding our environment and public health.

DEVELOPMENT BANK OF AMERICAN SAMOA

PUBLIC NOTICE

CDBG-DAHLP COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT -

DECENT AFFORDABLE HOME LOAN PROGRAM

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY PROGRAM YEAR 2009, 2010, ARRA

This public notice is published in accordance with the Citizen Participation Plan (APP) established by the American Samoa Government (ASG) and applies to the CDBG-DAHLP Community Development Block Grant - Decent Affordable Home Loan Program funded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD). THOSE ELIGIBLE FOR THESE LOANS MUST BE American Samoan nationals, or US citizens, or permanent residents.

The Development Bank of American Samoa (DBAS) in partnership with the Department of Commerce (DOC) expects to receive the CDBG program funds of about **\$380,000** for the federal **PY2009 and PY2010** and funds of about **\$167,000** for **ARRA Stimulus Fund**. These funds will provide home rehabilitation and renovation construction of homes in American Samoa.

DEVELOPMENT BANK OF AMERICAN SAMOA**PUBLIC NOTICE****CDBG-DAHLP COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT -
DECENT AFFORDABLE HOME LOAN PROGRAM****NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
PROGRAM YEAR 2009, 2010, ARRA**

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DBAS expects to have available an additional **\$16,168** in CDBG-DAHLP program income funds to be used for rehabilitation and renovation of existing single-family homes.

- Type of project: Renovation and rehabilitation of homes owned by **“very low income”** households.
- Project financing: Sixty-five percent (65%) grant funding, thirty five percent (35%) interest bearing payment loan.

Pursuant to Section 104(a)(3) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and to comply with the “citizenship participation” clause therein, DBAS will process all completed applications on a *first come, first served basis*.

DBAS will conduct application information sessions where applications and information regarding the CDBG-DAHLP program will be made available to the public. The location and the dates for the session are listed below:

WORKSHOP DATES	TIME	DISTRICT	PLACE
<i>April 4 (Monday)</i>	<i>8am-9am</i>	<i>Western District</i>	<i>Fono Guesthouse</i>
<i>April 4 (Monday)</i>	<i>11am-12pm</i>	<i>Eastern District</i>	<i>Fono Guesthouse</i>
<i>April 5 (Tuesday)</i>	<i>9am</i>	<i>Ofu, Manu’a</i>	<i>Laoa o Siva Sene Ili</i>
<i>April 6 (Wednesday)</i>	<i>9am</i>	<i>Olosega, Manu’a</i>	<i>Laoa o Silifaiva M. Faiai</i>
<i>April 5 (Tuesday)</i>	<i>9am</i>	<i>Ta’u/Faleasao</i>	<i>Laoa o Lesi’i P. Salesa</i>
<i>April 6 (Wednesday)</i>	<i>9am</i>	<i>Fitiuta, Manu’a</i>	<i>Laoa o Leatisao M. Taofi</i>

Applications will be available on April 4, 2011. Please provide all necessary and required documents at the Development Bank of American Samoa and DBAS staff at the Fono guesthouse in Fagatogo on the following day.

DBAS accepting required documents and applications on April 12 (Tuesday - one day only) at 8am

*Due to limited funding, DBAS will issue 75 numbers only on a **first come, first-served basis**.*

Completed applications must be received directly by the DBAS Loan Manager. Only signed and completed applications will be accepted for review.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO:

Ruth S. Matagi

DBAS Loan Manager

Development Bank Office, Fagatogo

All applications must be received and date stamped by the DBAS Loan Manager no later than **April 12, 2011**. Applications that do not meet this deadline will not be processed. All applications will receive a written response from DBAS regarding their application after the review process is complete. Successful applicants will then have **15 days** following notification to comply with all approval conditions. It is estimated that construction will begin by April 2011.

**SHARE IMPORTANT INFORMATION & ACTIVITIES IN YOUR ASG NEWSLETTER
“TAPUITEA”**

Contact: *Harry Stevens* (harry.stevens@americansamoa.gov) or *Chanel Barber* (chanel.barber@doit.as)